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SUBJECT: NICKEL DISCOVERY IN KENYA

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1. EMBASSY NOTED SHORT ARTICLE IN FEBRUARY ISSUE OF AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT STATING THAT SIGNIFICANT NICKEL DEPOSIT WAS DISCOVERED AT TELOT IN WEST POKOT REGION OF KENYA (NORTH OF ELDORET). ACCORDING LATEST MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES LIST OF FIRMS ENGAGED IN MINING ACTIVITY (1974), WESTERN OIL COMPANY WAS PROSPECTING FOR CHROME AND NICKEL IN WEST POKOT. WESTERN OIL NOT LISTED IN TELEPHONE DIRECTORY BUT EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT TO TRACE THROUGH POSTAL BOX NUMBER. MINISTRY OFFICIAL CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE FEBRUARY 19 WAS UNAWARE OF ANY NICKEL CLAIM BUT SAID JAPANESE CONSORTIUM HAD BEEN AWARDED RIGHTS TO EXPLOIT CHROMITE DEPOSIT IN WEST POKOT.

2. EMBOFFS ARE PLANNING TRIP TO ELDORET-KITALE AREA FEB. 29-MARCH 2 AND WILL INQUIRE FURTHER INTO NATURE OF NEARBY MINING OPERATIONS.

EXEMPT.

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